

Department/Service: Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Job Type: PRN-as needed Hyperbaric Chamber Operator

Location: Evansville

- Qualifications: EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING
- Minimum education level of High School diploma or equivalent.
- Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic or equivalent with certification in good standing.
- Certification in Hyperbaric Technology preferred or ability to acquire such certification in a reasonable period of time (provided by employer, may require travel).
- Candidate must have at least one year experience in a patientcare environment.

Job Description: Under the direction of the Program Director, Clinical Manager, and Medical Director, the individual in this position will act as the outside attendant and control operator during clinical treatment using monoplace hyperbaric chambers. The individual accepts responsibility and accountability for working within the framework of appropriate regulatory body where it applies and follows all Outpatient Integrated Strategies (OIS) and affiliate hospital policies and procedures. The individual will comply with hospital and nursing philosophy and standards while performing job duties and responsibilities and will demonstrate competence in these essential functions through the ability to perform functions including, but not limited to, the common examples listed.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

##### PATIENT CARE SERVICES

- Provides the patient with care immediately before, during, and after a treatment that is consistent with existing protocols and clinical pathway within his/her scope of practice, and will document all aspects of care.
- Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the clinical pathway for wound care and the role of HBO therapy, and the different approved clinical indications and treatment protocols for HBO treatment.
- Monitors and ensures the proper delivery of treatment gas as ordered.
- Monitors the patients continually during treatments for symptoms of oxygen toxicity, claustrophobia, hypoglycemic reactions, or any other adverse reaction to HBO treatments.
- Under the direction of the supervising physician, appropriately intervenes in the event of an adverse reactions and follows established protocols.
- Demonstrates competence in performing ordered treatments including but not limited to vital signs, blood sugars, and emergency procedures consistent with existing protocols and within his/her scope of practice.
- Documents required elements of each treatment in a clear, concise manner that includes a description of the chamber settings, duration of treatment, patient response to the procedure, and any other relevant observations made.

## CHAMBER OPERATIONS

- Demonstrates and applies basic knowledge about HBO chamber operations to ensure efficacy of treatment and safety of the patient and those in the immediate area.
- Demonstrates knowledge of the basic physiological principles/concepts of the HBO treatment and incorporates them into the treatment process.
- Operates controls to pressurize and depressurize the chamber according to prescribed protocols for clinical indications and physician orders.
- Maintains accurate logs and records of the time, pressures, depths, etc. of chamber operations according to established protocols.
- Cleans chamber following each treatment, according to recommendation of manufacturer, and in accordance with established facility infection control policies.

## GENERAL WORK PRACTICE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Demonstrates awareness of his/her responsibility to facilitate patient care through accurate, clear, concise and timely written and oral communications.
- Documents accurately, legibly and promptly all patient related information.
- Reports any untoward events or unusual observations related to patient care to the appropriate individual to facilitate review and adjustment of the plan of care as needed. Reporting is done directly or via the telephone and is completed in a timely manner.
- Facilitates discussion between the patient and the physician, and responds accurately and in a timely manner to patient questions with direct information and/or referral to the appropriate sources if additional information is required.

## SAFETY

- Organizes and prioritizes work to provide patient care in a safe environment to maximize health in the continuum of care and to protect the patient, him/herself, coworkers, and other involved in the care of the patient.
- Utilizes safe procedures in infection control, exposure control, use of equipment and supplies, and in facility emergency, safety, fire and disaster plans, adhering to guidelines or standards of practice in the community, affiliated hospital, and all current HBO center policies and procedures.
- Demonstrates safe operation of all chamber equipment and associated supplies.

Salary: Dependent on experience and qualifications

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Application Deadline: 6/1/2016